

1 AN ACT concerning State holidays.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,  
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The State Commemorative Dates Act is amended  
5 by adding Section 115 as follows:

6 (5 ILCS 490/115 new)

7 Sec. 115. Cesar Chavez Day. March 31 of each year is a  
8 legal holiday to be known as Cesar Chavez Day. When March 31  
9 falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the following Monday shall be  
10 held and considered the holiday. No officer or employee of  
11 the State may be required to work on Cesar Chavez Day, except  
12 those persons necessary for (i) law enforcement, (ii) fire  
13 protection, and (iii) public health and safety. The courts  
14 of this State shall designate Cesar Chavez Day as a court  
15 holiday.

16 Section 10. The Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is  
17 amended by changing Section 5-635 as follows:

18 (20 ILCS 5/5-635) (was 20 ILCS 5/18)

19 Sec. 5-635. Department office hours. Each department  
20 shall be open for the transaction of public business at least  
21 from 8:30 in the morning until 5:00 in the evening of each  
22 day except Saturdays, Sundays, Cesar Chavez Day as provided  
23 in the State Commemorative Dates Act, and days that may  
24 hereafter be declared by the Governor to be holidays for  
25 State employees.

26 (Source: P.A. 91-239, eff. 1-1-00.)

27 Section 15. The Office of Banks and Real Estate Act is  
28 amended by changing Section 3 as follows:

1 (20 ILCS 3205/3) (from Ch. 17, par. 453)

2 Sec. 3. Business hours. The Office of Banks and Real  
3 Estate shall be open for transaction of public business from  
4 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or at such other hours as the Governor  
5 may prescribe from time to time by executive order, on each  
6 day except Saturdays, Sundays, Cesar Chavez Day as provided  
7 in the State Commemorative Dates Act, and days declared by  
8 the Governor to be holidays for State employees.

9 (Source: P.A. 89-508, eff. 7-3-96.)

10 Section 20. The School Code is amended by changing  
11 Section 24-2 as follows:

12 (105 ILCS 5/24-2) (from Ch. 122, par. 24-2)

13 Sec. 24-2. Holidays. Teachers shall not be required to  
14 teach on Saturdays; nor shall teachers or other school  
15 employees, other than noncertificated school employees whose  
16 presence is necessary because of an emergency or for the  
17 continued operation and maintenance of school facilities or  
18 property, be required to work on legal school holidays, which  
19 are January 1, New Year's Day; the third Monday in January,  
20 the Birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; February 12, the  
21 Birthday of President Abraham Lincoln; the first Monday in  
22 March (to be known as Casimir Pulaski's birthday); Good  
23 Friday; the day designated as Memorial Day by federal law;  
24 July 4, Independence Day; the first Monday in September,  
25 Labor Day; the second Monday in October, Columbus Day;  
26 November 11, Veteran's Day; the Thursday in November commonly  
27 called Thanksgiving Day; and December 25, Christmas Day.  
28 School boards may grant special holidays whenever in their  
29 judgment such action is advisable, except that no school  
30 board or board of education may designate or observe as a  
31 special holiday on which teachers or other school employees  
32 are not required to work the days on which general elections

1 for members of the Illinois House of Representatives are  
2 held. No deduction shall be made from the time or  
3 compensation of a school employee on account of any legal or  
4 special holiday.

5 Commemorative holidays, which recognize specified  
6 patriotic, civic, cultural or historical persons, activities,  
7 or events, are regular school days. Commemorative holidays  
8 are: January 28 (to be known as Christa McAuliffe Day and  
9 observed as a commemoration of space exploration), February  
10 15 (the birthday of Susan B. Anthony), March 29 (Viet Nam War  
11 Veterans Day), the school day immediately preceding Veteran's  
12 Day (Korean War Veterans Day), October 1 (Recycling Day),  
13 December 7 (Pearl Harbor Veterans Day) and any day so  
14 appointed by the President or Governor. School boards may  
15 establish commemorative holidays whenever in their judgment  
16 such action is advisable. March 31 (Cesar Chavez Day) shall  
17 be a special commemorative holiday that school boards are  
18 permitted to designate as a legal school holiday. School  
19 boards shall include instruction relative to commemorated  
20 persons, activities, or events on the commemorative holiday  
21 or at any other time during the school year and at any point  
22 in the curriculum when such instruction may be deemed  
23 appropriate. The State Board of Education shall prepare and  
24 make available to school boards instructional materials  
25 relative to commemorated persons, activities, or events which  
26 may be used by school boards in conjunction with any  
27 instruction provided pursuant to this paragraph. These  
28 materials shall include a model curriculum guide sufficient  
29 for at least one hour of instruction and exercises  
30 commemorating the history of the farm labor movement in the  
31 United States with particular attention to the role of Cesar  
32 Chavez in that movement.

33 City of Chicago School District 299 shall observe March 4  
34 of each year as a commemorative holiday. This holiday shall

1 be known as Mayors' Day which shall be a day to commemorate  
2 and be reminded of the past Chief Executive Officers of the  
3 City of Chicago, and in particular the late Mayor Richard J.  
4 Daley and the late Mayor Harold Washington. If March 4 falls  
5 on a Saturday or Sunday, Mayors' Day shall be observed on the  
6 following Monday.

7 (Source: P.A. 89-610, eff. 8-6-96; 89-622, eff. 8-9-96;  
8 90-14, eff. 7-1-97.)

9 Section 25. The State Universities Civil Service Act is  
10 amended by changing Section 45a as follows:

11 (110 ILCS 70/45a) (from Ch. 24 1/2, par. 381.1)

12 Sec. 45a. Except as provided in the second sentence of  
13 this Section, all officers and employees subject to this  
14 Act, shall have the following days as holidays, for which  
15 they shall receive their usual compensation: New Year's Day,  
16 January 1, Cesar Chavez Day as provided in the State  
17 Commemorative Dates Act, Memorial Day, as determined by the  
18 law of the State of Illinois, Independence Day, July 4, Labor  
19 Day, the first Monday in September, Thanksgiving Day, the  
20 fourth Thursday of November, Christmas Day, December 25, and  
21 five holidays to be designated by each college, university,  
22 agency and community college subject to this Act. Craft and  
23 trade employees subject to this Act shall be paid for all  
24 paid holidays included in their area agreement, and will be  
25 paid for all five holidays designated by their employer  
26 pursuant to this section.

27 (Source: P.A. 79-1186.)

28 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
29 becoming law.